

# LION BEHRENS

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## SUMMARY

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I am an early career academic researching comparative politics and quantitative methods. In my methodical work, I explore the merits that Bayesian statistics provides for inference in the political sciences, particularly when facing challenges such as evidence synthesis and multi-method research. Within comparative politics, my work primarily centers around questions of political behavior, focusing both on citizens' actions and expectations as well as legislators' reactions and output.

## CURRENT POSITION

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<b>Research Associate</b> Collaborative Research Center 884, University of Mannheim Project C7 " <i>Political attention and the substance of legislative reform</i> "	June 2018 - ongoing
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## EDUCATION

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<b>Ph.D. Political Science</b> Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Mannheim	Sep 2018 - ongoing
<b>M.Sc. Methodology and Statistics</b> Utrecht University Grade Average: 7.90/10.00	Sep 2016 - May 2018
<b>B.A. Political Science</b> University of Bremen Grade Average: 1.09, with distinction	Sep 2013 - July 2016

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Behrens, Lion and Ingo Rohlfing. 2018. "Not so different in present attitudes and behavior, but expected future membership - A technical replication of a study of party youth in six European democracies". *Research & Politics*, Online First, 1-5.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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Behrens, Lion and Rebecca M Kuiper. "A Bayesian method for synthesizing evidence from heterogeneous statistical models". *Working Paper*.

Behrens, Lion and Ingo Rohlfing. "Bayesianism in multi-method research". *In preparation*.

Buskens, Vincent, Werner Raub, Lion Behrens, Rebecca M. Kuiper and Irene Klugkist. "Embeddedness effects on trust in social and economic exchange: A Bayesian analysis of evidence from four studies". *In preparation*.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Teaching Assistant</b> <i>Applied Bayesian Statistics</i> , Utrecht Summer School <i>Structural Equation Modeling with Mplus</i> , Utrecht Summer School <i>Business Statistics</i> , De Bijlspartner Amsterdam	May 2018 July 2017 March 2017 - May 2017
<b>Tutor</b> <i>Instrumental Variables in Psychology</i> , B.A. Thesis, Utrecht University, by Hugo Hanema	January 2017 - May 2017

## PRESENTATIONS

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"Political Trust and Political Participation - The Micro-Level Relationship and Its Macro-Level Dependencies",  
Semiannual Meeting of the Ecuadorian Political Science Association (AECIP), Quito April 2016

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Internships

*GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences*, Mannheim January - March 2018  
Research assistance for Oshrat Hochman analyzing European Social Survey data

*FLACSO - Latin American Social Science Institute*, Quito February - April 2016  
Research on political participation analyzing data from the Latin American Public Opinion Project

### Research Assistantships

*Department for Methods & Statistics, Utrecht University*, Prof. Rens van de Schoot, Ph.D. Jan 17 - March 18  
*Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences*, Prof. Ingo Rohlfing, Ph.D. April - July 2016  
*Research Center on Inequality and Social Policy, Bremen*, Prof. Michael Windzio March - August 2015  
*Collaborative Research Center 597, Bremen University*, Natascha Zaun, Ph.D. July - December 2014

## GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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Full scholarship grant, Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes 2016 - 2018  
Full scholarship grant, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung 2013 - 2016

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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Multilevel analysis using HLM, Training course, GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences 2015  
Advanced Programming in R, Coursera MOOC, John Hopkins University 2017

## INVITED REFEREE

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Research & Politics

## SKILLS

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### Computing

R, Stata, Mplus, SPSS, HLM, JAGS, Shiny,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Markdown

### Methodical

General Linear Model, Multilevel Analysis, Structural Equation Modeling, Instrumental Variables, Propensity Score Matching, Statistical Computing and Simulation, Bayesian Methods

### Languages

German: Native, English: Fluent, Spanish: Oral Fluency

## REFERENCES

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